



Hollywood Stars Nicole Kidman, Uma Thurman and Andy Garcia as Masters of Ceremony; Robert Redford as Honoree; Gwen Stefani, Andrea Bocelli, Robin Thicke and Kool and the Gang as Performers; and Many More International Stars are Joining Forces with HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco to Save the Ocean and Fight Climate Change

Impressive List of International Stars to Attend and Perform at the Third Annual Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean in Support of Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Initiatives to Protect the Global Ocean

September 20, 2019 (Monte-Carlo) - The [Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation](#), the world leading Foundation for the protection of the Global Ocean and the Planet's Environment, today revealed the impressive list of international artists and superstars who will join HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco on September 26, 2019, at the third Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean, which is the world's biggest charity fundraiser of today.

"Above all, the Ocean is a vital component for our global balance. It represents 97% of its biosphere. It is host to the majority of living species, produces most of the oxygen we breathe, regulates our climate and generates 60% of the ecosystem services which enable us to live. Sadly, however, the Ocean is also symbol of our irresponsibility. It suffers all the damage we inflict on our planet." said HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco. "That's why this year's Gala for the Global Ocean in Monte-Carlo is so important. Let us hope that together we will be able to lay the foundations for a humanity built on respect for the sea and the planet. Let us be the voice of the Ocean and take action for future generations."

Robert Redford will be welcomed as the **Guest of Honor** of this year's event for his outstanding career and exceptional commitment for environmental protection.

Hollywood stars **Nicole Kidman, Uma Thurman and Andy Garcia** will serve as **Masters of Ceremony** for the outstanding night dedicated to raising funds for the Foundation's international projects and initiatives to support a sustainable and healthy ocean.

Andy Garcia declared "We can no longer remain silent in the face of the degradation of our seas due to pollution, overfishing, or intense maritime traffic. It is our duty to restore what we have destroyed. I am proud to be able to contribute to the foundation's actions on the ground, supporting multiple marine conservation projects."

Three-time GRAMMY® Award winner **Gwen Stefani**, one of the world's most talented and beloved vocalists; Italian tenor **Andrea Bocelli**; and music icons **Kool & the Gang** will be exclusively performing at the Gala to address the crucial challenges the world's Ocean is facing, while *The Masked Singer* jury member **Robin Thicke** will host the extravaganza after-party at the ultra-chic *Casino de Monte-Carlo's* private lounges until dawn.

Sophia AI, the latest human-like robot that has been described as the “personification of our dreams for the future of AI”, will also make a special appearance on the Global Ocean Gala stage and among prestigious guests.

Presided by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and founded by Global Fundraising Chairman **Milutin Gatsby**, the Gala will conclude a week of activities dedicated to the health of our Ocean. In bringing together global philanthropists, policy makers, business leaders, scientists and celebrities, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and his Foundation will once again take the lead to bring solutions to scale and address the existential crisis facing the world's Ocean and its impact on our climate.

Milutin Gatsby said “We don't have time anymore. We can hope and pray that OUR positive individual actions for saving Planet Earth will bring the light in ourselves and collectively stop the self-destruction of mankind.”

All proceeds from the Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean and its auction will support the Foundation's Global Ocean initiatives, including the development of marine protected areas, the protection of threatened marine species, the mitigation of the impact of climate change and acidification on the Ocean as well as and the fight against plastic pollution. The Foundation has donated more than 55 million euros to initiate or support more than 470 projects around the world.

Additional details on the 2019 Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean can be found at <http://www.montecarlogala.org/>.

Gwen Stefani has achieved global success as a solo artist, performer, songwriter, frontwoman for the rock band **No Doubt** and television star. To date, she's sold more than 50 million units worldwide, including her multi-platinum debut solo album *Love.Angel.Music.Baby*. with the hit singles “Rich Girl,” “What You Waiting For?” and the **Pharrell Williams**-produced No. 1 hit “Hollaback Girl.” Stefani's most recent solo effort, *This Is What The Truth Feels Like* debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts. In 2014, she channeled her musical passion into empowering young singers as their coach on the Emmy-award-winning “The Voice” and now returns for her fourth season with the 17th season of the show. She recently took the helm as co-creator and executive producer of “Kuu Kuu Harajuku”, a children's animated TV show now in its third season, fulfilling Stefani's mission of providing young girls with content that celebrates creativity, imagination, and fearless individuality.

Maestro **Andrea Bocelli** has had success as an opera and popular music singer, songwriter and producer. Bocelli has recorded 15 solo albums of both pop and classical music, three greatest hits albums and nine complete operas, selling over 90 million records. His most recent and highly anticipated project, "Sì," was his first No. 1 debut on the Billboard albums chart. From his signature "Con Te Partirò" (Time To Say Goodbye) to a star-studded concert in New York City's Central Park featuring **Céline Dion, Tony Bennett, Chris Botti and David Foster**, to collaborations with **Ed Sheeran, Ariana Grande and Jennifer Lopez**, Bocelli's unparalleled reputation as a live performer continue to deliver positive and powerful feelings and emotions for his millions of fans throughout the world. Co-collaborators Celine Dion and producer/performer David Foster might have each described Bocelli better than anyone else. Dion once said that "if God would have a singing voice, he must sound a lot like Andrea Bocelli." Foster described Bocelli's voice as "the most beautiful in the world."

Currently in the midst of celebrating their 50-year anniversary worldwide tour, **Kool & the Gang** are multi-generational performers with a universal appeal. With hits such as "Hollywood Swinging," "Celebration," "Jungle Boogie" and "Ladies' Night," Kool & the Gang has performed continuously longer than any R&B group in history. Their signature horns, "bulletproof funk" and jazzy arrangements have also made them the most sampled R&B band of all time. Their career-long accolades include two Grammy Awards, seven American Music Awards, 25 Top Ten R&B hits, nine Top Ten Pop hits and 31 gold and platinum albums.

Robin Thicke is a multi-talented artist popular as a singer, songwriter, and television star. He is best known for his musical hits like "Magic," "Lost Without U," and "Sex Therapy." Born into an artistic family, his interest in singing and acting was inherent. His parents were very supportive of his interest in music. It was his father who helped him to write and structure his very first songs. Starting his career with song writing for a production company, Thicke built connections to make his entry into Interscope Records, where he wrote songs for a number of top recording artists. As he reached his 20s, he decided to pursue a singing career along with song writing. He has worked with famous artists like Christina Aguilera, K. Michelle, Nicki Minaj, Pharrell Williams, Brandy, Jennifer Hudson, Usher, Flo Rida, Kid Cudi, Mary J. Blige, and many others. His album "The Evolution of Robin Thicke," which released in 2006, won a platinum certificate. However, it was only in 2013 that he rose to international fame with the release of his first R&B single "Blurred Lines." The song topped the US Billboard Hot 100.

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About the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation:

In June 2006, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco established his Foundation to address our planet's alarming environmental situation. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation is dedicated to the protection of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development on a global scale. The Foundation supports initiatives of public and private organizations, in the fields of research and studies, technological innovation and socially-aware practices. The Foundation supports projects in three main geographical zones, the Mediterranean Basin, the Polar Regions and the Least Developed Countries and focuses its efforts on three main areas: climate change, biodiversity and water resources. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has 10 international branches in Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the USA. Visit www.fpa2.org to learn more.

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